

CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please replace claims 1-12 of the PCT application with claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Original) A crimp for an optical cable connector, comprising a hollow crimp body that is open at each end and comprises, at a first end, a first crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a connector; and at a second end a second crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a cable, the portion of the crimp between the said ends including a recess for engagement by a closure housing.
2. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 1, wherein the respective crimp tubes and the said portion therebetween are cylindrical.
3. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 2, wherein the diameter of the said portion between the crimp tubes is greater than that of either crimp tube.
4. (Currently Amended) A crimp according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the recess is a groove formed in the periphery of the said portion.
5. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 4, wherein the recess extends about the whole periphery of the said portion.
6. (Currently Amended) An ~~[[optical cable]] crimp according to any preceding claim having an optical cable inserted there through, the crimp tube at the said first end of the crimp being crimped onto the spigot of a connector so as to retain thereon the reinforcing fibres of the optical cable; and the crimp tube at the said second end being crimped onto the exterior of the optical cable. comprising a hollow crimp body that is open at each end and comprises, at a first end, a first crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a connector; and at a second end a second crushable crimp tube for crimping onto a cable, the portion of the crimp between the said ends including a recess for engagement by a closure housing, and further comprising an~~

optical cable inserted therethrough, the crimp tube at the said first end of the crimp being crimped onto the spigot of a connector so as to retain thereon the reinforcing fibers of the optical cable; and the crimp tube at the said second end being crimped onto the exterior of the optical cable.

7. (Original) A crimp according to Claim 6 including a portion of a closure housing received in the said recess so as to prevent relative movement between the crimp and the said closure housing portion.

8. (Currently Amended) A crimp according to any ~~preceding claim~~ Claim 6, wherein the recess lies offset from the longitudinal mid-point of the crimp body.

9. (Original) A method of securing an optical cable to a connector comprising the steps of:

(i) inserting an optical cable through a crimp according to any preceding claim so as to protrude at either end thereof;

(ii) removing the jacket of the optical cable to expose the core and reinforcement fibers thereof;

(iii) inserting the core into a connector spigot;

(iv) arranging the reinforcing fibers about the spigot;

(v) advancing the crimp so that the first crimp tube overlies the spigot and the fibers;

(vi) crimping the first crimp tube onto the spigot so as to retain the fibers on the spigot; and, before or after step (vi),

(vii) crimping the second crimp tube onto the exterior of the cable.

10. (Original) A method according to Claim 9 including the further step of:

(viii) inserting the crimp into an aperture of a recess formed in a closure housing so that a part of the closure housing engages the recess so as to prevent relative movement between the crimp and the closure housing.

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